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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone

Note verbale dated 10 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of executive decree No. 249 of 1 March 2004, instructing the competent national, provincial and municipal authorities to adopt the necessary measures for compliance with the provisions of the resolutions of the Security Council concerning the regime of sanctions imposed on the Republic of Sierra Leone (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 10 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Buenos Aires, 1 March 2004

Whereas the Argentine Republic is a founding Member of the United Nations, and in view of Decree No. 71 of 5 February 1999, and

Considering:

That one of the purposes of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security and to that end to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace,

That the Security Council is the organ responsible for deciding what measures shall be taken for such purposes in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

That, in the exercise of those powers, the Security Council adopted resolution 1132 (1997) and resolution 1156 (1998), which established a regime of sanctions against the Republic of Sierra Leone,

That by virtue of the above-mentioned resolutions the National Executive Power issued Decree No. 71/99, ordering the implementation of the said sanctions within the territory of the Argentine Republic,

That in paragraph 1 of resolution 1171 (1998) the Security Council modified the sanctions regime against the Republic of Sierra Leone by terminating the remaining restrictions imposed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of resolution 1132 (1997),

That paragraph 2 of the aforementioned resolution provides that, with a view to prohibiting the sale and supply of arms to non-governmental forces in the Republic of Sierra Leone, all States shall prevent the sale or supply, by their nationals or from their territories, of arms and related materiel of all types to any entity other than the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, under the conditions set out in the aforementioned resolution,

That in paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned resolution the Security Council requests States to notify all exports of arms to the Republic of Sierra Leone to the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997),

That in paragraph 5 of that resolution the Security Council also decided that all States shall prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of leading members of the former military junta and of the Revolutionary United Front, as designated by the Committee, unless such entry or transit is authorized by the Committee,

That in paragraph 17 of resolution 1306 (2002) the Security Council reminds States of their obligation to implement fully the measures imposed by resolution 1171 (1998) and calls upon them to enforce, strengthen or enact legislation making it a criminal offence under domestic law for their nationals or other persons operating on their territory to act in violation of the measures imposed by that resolution,

That the Members of the United Nations are bound to accept and comply with the decisions of the Security Council, lending their support to the actions undertaken pursuant to Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

That, by virtue of the powers vested in them by article 128 of the Constitution, the governments of the provinces are natural agents of the Federal Government in ensuring compliance with the Constitution and the national laws,

That the National Executive Power is authorized to act in the matter by virtue of the powers vested in it by article 99, paragraphs 1 and 11, of the Constitution,

Accordingly, the President of the Argentine Republic hereby decrees:

Article 1. The National Executive Power, the departments and agencies of the national Government, the provinces and municipalities and the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires shall adopt, in their respective spheres of competence, the measures necessary to implement the decisions contained in Security Council resolution 1171 (1998), set out in annex 1 hereto and forming an integral part of this Decree.

Article 2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship shall provide notification, through decisions published in the *Boletín Oficial*, of any changes made in the lists of persons referred to in paragraph 5 of resolution 1171 (1998).

Article 3. This Decree shall be notified, published and transmitted to the National Official Registry and placed in the archives.

Decree No. 249

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(*Signed*) Rafael A. **Bielba**
Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship

(*Signed*) José J. B. **Pampuro**
Minister of Defence

(*Signed*) Roberto **Lavagna**
Minister of Economic Affairs and Production